

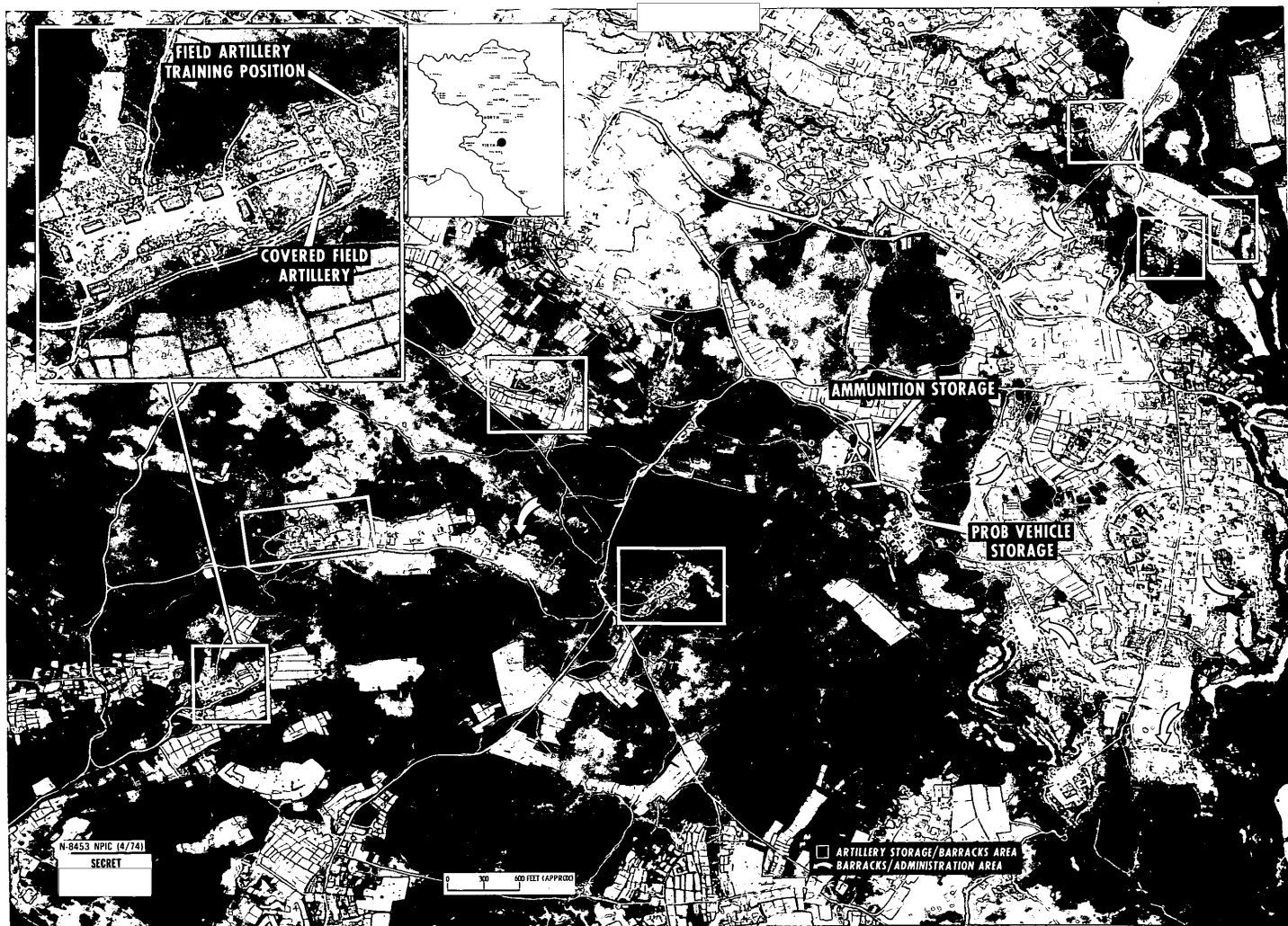


**REGIMENTAL ARTILLERY BASE AREA
DAT THIT, NORTH VIETNAM
19-15N 105-35E**

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REFERENCE TO:

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: IDENTIFICATION OF A REGIMENTAL ARTILLERY BASE AREA IN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PANHANDLE.
2. LOCATION: DAT THIT REGIMENTAL ARTILLERY BASE AREA
[REDACTED] IS APPROXIMATELY 36 NAUTICAL MILES 25X1
(NM) NORTH OF VINH AT 19-15-35N 105-35-23E
3. MISSION READOUT: DAT THIT REGIMENTAL ARTILLERY BASE AREA CONSISTS OF 16 DISPERSED AREAS OR BUILDING GROUPS IN AN OVERALL AREA OF TWO BY TWO NM. THE FACILITY INCLUDES SEVEN BATTERY-SIZE ARTILLERY STORAGE AND BARRACKS AREAS, SEVEN BARRACKS AND ADMINISTRATION AREAS (ONE NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC), A PROBABLE VEHICLE STORAGE/MAINTENANCE AREA AND AN AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA. THE FACILITY CONTAINS A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 72 BARRACKS, 26 ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, NINE PROBABLE MESSHALLS, THREE AMMUNITION STORAGE BUILDINGS, THREE POSSIBLE AMMUNITION STORAGE BUNKERS, 14 SMALL POSSIBLE CLASSROOM BUILDINGS, ONE POSSIBLE AUDITORIUM, A PROBABLE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDING, 14 EQUIPMENT SHEDS AND AT LEAST 19 SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS. MOST OF THE BUILDINGS WITHIN THE FACILITY ARE OF WOOD AND THATCH CONSTRUCTION. THEY ARE SIMILAR IN CONSTRUCTION TO INDIGENOUS DWELLINGS

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IN ADJACENT VILLAGES. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A MORE UNIFORM PATTERN IN CONSTRUCTION AND IN BUILDING LAYOUT COMPARED TO LOCAL VILLAGES.

THE SEVEN ARTILLERY STORAGE AND BARRACKS AREAS ARE SIMILAR AND EACH CONTAINS A HARDSTAND (USUALLY FOR FOUR ARTILLERY PIECES), FOUR-TO-SIX SMALL BARRACKS, A SMALL PROBABLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, A PROBABLE MESSHALL AND SEVERAL SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS. MOST OF THE ARTILLERY STORAGE AND BARRACKS AREAS HAVE A SINGLE, REVETTED FIELD ARTILLERY TRAINING POSITION NEAR THE ARTILLERY HARDSTAND (SEE INSET). ONE FOUR-POSITION REVETTED ARTILLERY TRAINING SITE IS ALSO PRESENT. MOST OF THE ARTILLERY PIECES PARKED ON THE HARDSTANDS ARE COVERED WITH CANVAS OR THATCH. TWENTY-TWO ARTILLERY PIECES WERE IDENTIFIED THROUGHOUT THE FACILITY, SOME ONLY WITH BARRELS AND TRAILS EXTENDING FROM THE COVERINGS.

THE SEVEN BARRACKS AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS ARE SIMILAR TO THE ARTILLERY STORAGE AND BARRACKS AREAS BUT LACK ARTILLERY HARDSTANDS, ARTILLERY TRAINING POSITIONS AND ARTILLERY PIECES. THEY ARE COMPRISED OF BARRACKS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, A PROBABLE MESSHALL AND SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

THE PROBABLE VEHICLE STORAGE/MAINTENANCE AREA IS CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE FACILITY AND CONTAINS BARRACKS, AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND A PROBABLE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDING. AN AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA IS ALSO NEAR THE

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CENTER OF THE FACILITY AND CONTAINS THREE SINGLE-FENCED AMMUNITION STORAGE BUILDINGS, THREE POSSIBLE AMMUNITION STORAGE BUNKERS, AND SEVERAL SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

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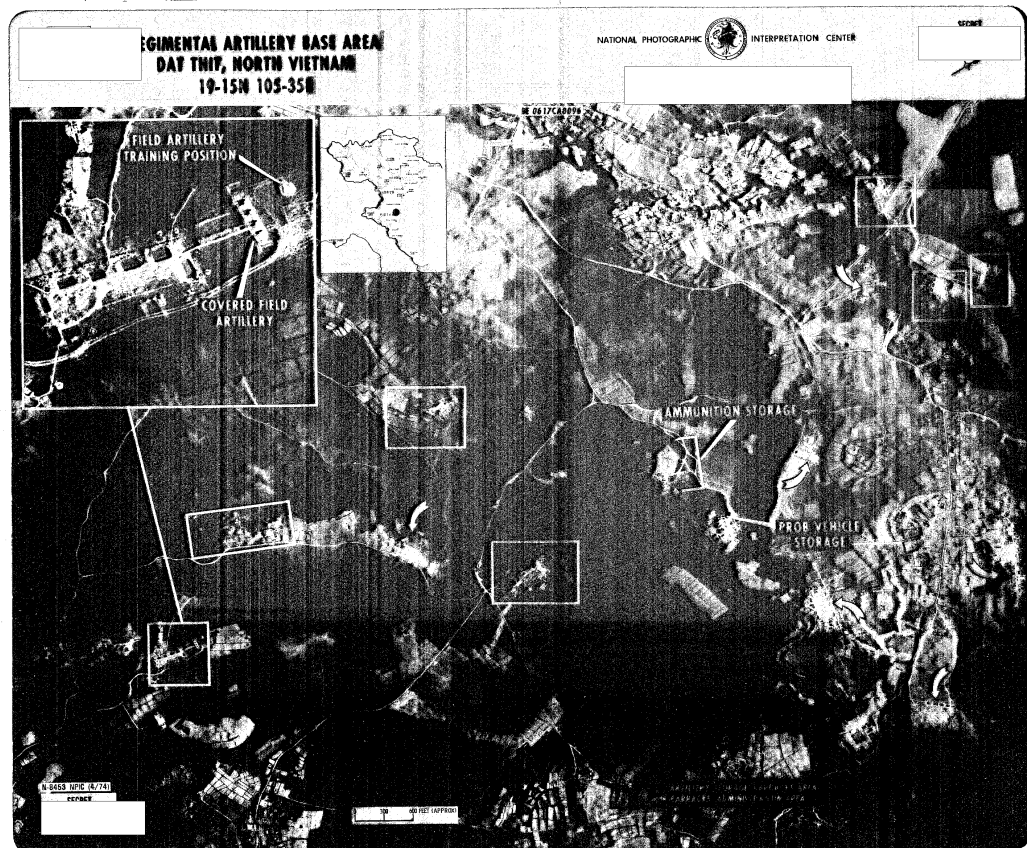
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